

What is claimed is:

1. A pharmaceutical composition having therapeutic synergy comprising:

20(S)-camptothecin, an analog of 20(S)-camptothecin, or a derivative of 20(S)-camptothecin; and

at least one of an alkylating agent, epidophyllotoxin, antimetabolite, antibiotic or vinca alkaloid.

2. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the alkylating agent is cyclophosphamide, ifosfamide, melphalan, hexamethylmelamine, thiotepa or dacarbazine.

3. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the antimetabolite is 5-fluorouracil, cytarabine or a folic acid analog.

4. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the antibiotic is daunorubicine, doxorubicin, bleomycin or mitomycin.

5. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the vinca alkaloid is vinblastine, vincristine, or their synthetic analogues.

6. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the epidophyllotoxin is etoposide or teniposide.

7. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition is useful in the treatment of neoplastic diseases.

8. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the 20(S)-camptothecin is 9-amino-20(S)-camptothecin.

9. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the 20(S)-camptothecin is 9-nitro-20(S)-camptothecin.

5 10. A method for treating disease comprising:  
delivering to a patient in need of treatment a therapeutically effective amount of 20(S)-camptothecin, an analog of 20(S)-camptothecin, or a derivative of 20(S)-camptothecin in combination with an effective amount of at least one of an alkylating agent, epidophyllotoxin, antimetabolite, antibiotic or vinca alkaloid.

10 11. A method according to claim 10, wherein the alkylating agent is cyclophosphamide, ifosfamide, melphalan, hexamethylmelamine, thiotepa or dacarbazine.

15 12. A method according to claim 10, wherein the antimetabolite is 5-fluorouracil, cytarabine or a folic acid analog.

20 13. A method according to claim 10, wherein the antibiotic is daunorubicine, doxorubicin, bleomycin or mitomycin.

25 14. A method according to claim 10, wherein the vinca alkaloid is vinblastine, vincristine, or their synthetic analogues.

15. A method according to claim 10, wherein the epidophyllotoxin is etoposide or teniposide.

16. A method according to claim 10, wherein said composition is useful in the treatment of neoplastic diseases.

17. A method according to claim 10, wherein the 20(S)-camptothecin is 9-amino-20(S)-camptothecin.

18. A method according to claim 10, wherein the 20(S)-camptothecin is 9-nitro-20(S)-camptothecin.

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